

UNITED TO DEFEAT HIM, MAYOR SAYS

Charges Combination of Liquor Interests With "Corrupt" Committeemen.

WANTS GAS PRICE CUT TO 75 CENTS

Urges Reduction in Water Rates
Establishment of Playgrounds
at William Byrd Park,
Equipment of Jail Hos-
pital and Other
Changes.

WHAT MAYOR RECOMMENDS

Reduction in gas to 75 cents per
1,000 cubic feet.
Reduction in water rates.
Installation of more fire hydrants.

Heating plant in City Auditorium.
Well equipped playgrounds for children at William Byrd Park.
Prohibiting the settlement of cases against the city out of court.
Ordinance restricting moving picture theatres.

ANNOUNCING that he has been

A defeated for renomination but a combination of the liquor interests with the corrupt element of the City Democratic Committee, Mayor Carlton McCarthys submitted his annual message to the Common Council last night, adding that in all probability it would be his last formal communication to that body.

In this manner the Mayor made his charge officially, reiterating what he had said on the night of the primary.

but being more specific in his denunciation of the double pledge exacted by the majority of the members of Chairman Doherty's committee.

"I take leave of you regretfully," said the Mayor," but hopefully, trusting that with wisdom, courage and fidelity you will guard the interests of this great, growing and noble community."

Not Read in Full.

repeating many of his former recommendations to the Council. Carroll McCarthy urged others, chief among them being a reduction in the gas and water rates to consumers. He touched upon one live issue by passing by saying that "it is a curi fact that the expenditure for streets generally was only \$137,600 while the expenditure for 'cleaning' streets was \$116,226.27." When the message was presented, Councilman Spence suggested that the be printed. Councilman Fergusson contended, however, that it would be

discourteous to the mayor not to have it read. The sergeant-at-arms had reached the end of the third page when Councilman Cary interrupted with the statement that members generally were not able to follow it. Mr. Spence objected, demanding that the clerk proceed with the reading. The motion to print prevailed. Consequently the Council went away without knowing—and apparently without caring—what the mayor had to say.

The Message to the Council.
The full text of the message follows:
"In obedience to section 10 of the charters of the Department, and section 2 of Chapter IV. of the General Ordinance, I have the honor to present to your consideration and action the Annual Report of the Department. The reports of the message of several departments covering the year 1901, while indicating a large amount of labor and useful endeavor, are void of anything novel, and are confined to a narrow range of routine work, and are not calculated to excite or interest the Council. The new organization and new efforts for the prevention of disease have made the report of a

The "vital statistics of the city government" shown in the report of the Auditor shows the receipts from taxes to be \$1,113,751.83; from licenses, \$116,602.25; from interest on daily balances, \$5,374.44; from taxes on street railroads, conduits, etc., \$79,533.32; and from the receipts on the disbursements account for the year was \$2,651,341.05. The disbursements of the Auditor's office show the following items of interest: Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, \$453,098; on accounts of interest, \$85,400; on bonds, \$143,801.52; for redemption of water bonds, \$10,973.13; the total amount consumed in carrying the debt for the year being \$557,280.49.

"The collection of taxes and delinquent taxes cost the city \$1,285.17.
"Electric lights cost the people \$41,802, or a little more than 4 per cent. on a million dollars.
"It is a curious fact that the expenditure for streets generally was only \$137,000, while the expenditure for 'cleaning' streets was \$116,220.27.

The City's Finances.
"The following appropriations made during the year 1907, amounting to \$130,000,000, were made by the city council:

"We were fortunate in having on hand the 1st of February, 1908, \$1,406.11 in the sinking fund. For the year ending Feb. 1, 1909, the receipts of the Sinking Fund during the year were \$1,406.11, and the disbursements, \$1,242.435.41, leaving a cash balance of \$1,163.875.70.

"The investments for the sinking fund this year are \$1,163.875.70. For the year ending Feb. 1, 1910, the receipts of the sinking fund were \$1,163.875.70, with cash on hand, \$1,163.875.70.

The same purpose of \$132,910.32; for the redemption of 3½ per cent. water bonds, \$131,000, making a total for redemption \$1,500,710.32.

"The total actual bonded debt of the city as of February 1, 1908, is \$8,435,125; bonds authorized and not yet sold amount to \$451,500; the bond limit of the city is therefore now reduced to \$1,446,981.76.

"The increase of the bonded debt since the last annual report, estimating all bonds issued and all bonds authorized but not

The Water Situation.

"The report of the Water Department shows that the consumption of water from the standpipes at William Byrd Park was only 238,274 gallons, while the capacity of the pumps is 2,500,000 gallons, which would indicate that the high service from that point might be extended, and that it

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